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Mr. Jeff DeRouen, Executive Director  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
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RE: Affidavit Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 Requirements

Please find enclosed our annual affidavit in supporting the Commission's Annual Certification filing pursuant to 54.314 with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administration Company (USAC) that Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative is eligible to receive high-cost support in accordance with 47 USC § 254(e).

Should you have any questions regarding our filing, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Keith Gabbard  
Chief Executive Officer  
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Enclosures

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**AFFIDAVIT**

**Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers**

**Pursuant to 47 C. F. R. § 54.314**

**STATE OF KENTUCKY  
COUNTY OF JACKSON**

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Keith Gabbard of Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative, (“the Cooperative”), who on his oath deposed and said:

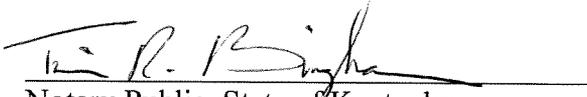
1. My name is Keith Gabbard. I am employed by Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative in the position of Chief Executive Officer. In this position, I am personally familiar with the Federal Universal Service support received by the Cooperative and how these funds are used by the Cooperative.
2. Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Administrative Case No. 360 by order dated November 26, 1997. Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative provides service in study area code 260415.
3. Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative hereby certifies all federal high-cost support provided to the Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year (2012) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2014) only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as designated by the Federal Communications Commission consistent with Section 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act. These funds will be used to provide the following supported services, as outlined in 47 CFR § 54.101(a), which are

available to any customer in the Cooperative's service area: voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge to end users; access to the emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations, such as 911 and enhanced 911, to the extent the local government in an eligible carrier's service area has implemented 911 or enhanced 911 systems; and toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

4. Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative follows Federal Communications Commission Part 32 accounting requirements for regulated local exchange carriers and Part 36 separations provisions used to determine high cost support amounts. As a regulated utility, Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative's accounting and separations procedures are subject to periodic National Exchange Carrier Association and Kentucky Public Service Commission reviews.
5. While continuing to receive Federal Universal Service support as described and using this support for the purposes as described, Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative does not anticipate withdrawing any services; therefore, the comparability of service between the rural areas served by Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative and the urban areas of Kentucky will not be changed because of any action on the part of Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative.
6. The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

  
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Keith Gabbard

Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 19th day of September, 2013.

  
Notary Public, State of Kentucky

My Commission expires 5-20-16.

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